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1. TURKISH EMBASSY TELLS US THAT TURKISH AMBASSADOR FENMEN MADE APPROACH TO MFA AUGUST 22 ON BEHALF OF "WORKING GROUP ON UNRWA FINANCE." APPROACH WAS LOW-KEY AND IN COURSE OF CALL ON OTHER BUSINESS ON SIGVALD KRISTENSEN, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR PRESS AND CULTURE (TURKISH APPROACH LAST YEAR HAD BEEN TO POLITICAL DEPT. OF MFA). FENMEN EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING A DEMARCHE, ONLY CARRYING OUT A MISSION GIVEN TURKEY BY THE UN, AND REFERRED TO DENMARK'S WELL-KNOWN SUPPORT FOR HUMANITARIAN CAUSES.

2. IN RESPONSE, KRISTENSEN STATED THAT HE APPRECIATED SPIRIT OF THE APPROACH. DANISH GOVT FELT IT WAS ALREADY DOING MAXIMUM POSSIBLE IN REGARD TO UNRWA CONTRIBUTION. HE PROMISED TO SEND
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FENMEN CATALOG OF WHAT DENMARK WAS DOING FOR UNRWA (TURKISH

EMBASSY WILL SEND US A COPY).

3. COMMENT: NEITHER WE NOR EMBASSIES OF OTHER UNRWA WORKING GROUP MEMBERS HERE WERE ASKED TO JOIN IN THIS APPROACH. KRISTEN-SEN'S BLANDLY NEGATIVE RESPONSE WAS TO BE EXPECTED. BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER DANISH CONTRIBUTION WOULD PROBABLY BE BY FIRMER APPROACH IN UN CONTEXT IN NEW YORK. BASICALLY IT IS A MATTER OF PRIORITIES AND OF IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO HUMANITARIAN EFFORT IN MIDDLE EAST. DANISH BUDGET CONTAINS 8,500,000 KRONER (DOLS 1,465,000) FOR AID TO "SUPPRESSED PEOPLES OR POPULATION GROUPS IN AFRICA", BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE MORE POLITICALLY POPULAR CAUSE HERE AT PRESENT
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